

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report for Beaver Creek in Washington County and Bristol, Virginia. The stream is listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for the General Standard (benthic) and Bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

Beaver Creek is located in Washington County and Bristol, Virginia. The impaired segment of Beaver Creek is 13.5 miles long. It begins upstream at the Route 611 bridge and continues to the Tennessee/Virginia State line in Bristol.

The final public meeting on the development of the TMDL to address the benthic and bacteria impairments for Beaver Creek will be held on **Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Circuit Courtroom on the second floor of the Bristol Virginia Courthouse located at 497 Cumberland Street in Bristol, Virginia. The purpose of the study report is to identify sources and determine reductions of pollutants so that the stream can meet the water quality standards.

The public comment period will end on **March 12, 2004**. A copy of the draft Total Maximum Daily Load Report is available upon request or can be viewed at the DEQ website: <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl/tmdlrpts.html> after February 9, 2004. Address questions or information requests to Nancy T. Norton, P. E. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Nancy T. Norton, P. E., Department of Environmental Quality, P. O. Box 1688, Abingdon, Virginia 24212-1688, telephone (276) 676-4807, fax (276) 676-4899, or e-mail ntnorton@deq.state.va.us.